

# Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, White Males-United States, 2009\*

## Age in Groups

Rank	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	65-74	75-84	85+	All Ages
1	Unintentional injuries 39.2%	Unintentional injuries 32.1%	Unintentional injuries 33.5%	Unintentional injuries 47.5%	Unintentional injuries 48.9%	Unintentional injuries 41.0%	Unintentional injuries 25.2%	Heart disease 22.5%	Cancer 32.5%	Heart disease 27.9%	Cancer 34.9%	Cancer 26.8%	Heart disease 32.4%	Heart disease 25.4%
2	Birth defects 9.5%	Cancer 21.0%	Cancer 13.7%	Suicide 19.0%	Suicide 18.3%	Suicide 17.1%	Heart disease 15.6%	Cancer 22.4%	Heart disease 25.1%	Cancer 25.2%	Heart disease 24.5%	Heart disease 26.4%	Cancer 15.7%	Cancer 24.6%
3	Cancer 8.3%	Birth defects 8.5%	Suicide 9.8%	Homicide 10.9%	Homicide 8.9%	Heart disease 6.7%	Suicide 13.0%	Unintentional injuries 12.6%	Unintentional injuries 5.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 8.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.9%	Unintentional injuries 6.2%
4	Homicide 5.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 4.1%	Homicide 5.8%	Cancer 4.8%	Cancer 4.8%	Cancer 6.5%	Cancer 12.0%	Suicide 6.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.4%	Stroke 5.0%	Stroke 3.8%	Stroke 5.1%	Stroke 5.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%
5	Heart disease 2.9%	Homicide 3.8%	Birth defects 4.8%	Heart disease 2.4%	Heart disease 2.8%	Homicide 6.1%	Chronic liver disease 4.0%	Chronic liver disease 5.5%	Chronic liver disease 3.8%	Alzheimer's disease 3.1%	Diabetes 3.4%	Alzheimer's disease 2.9%	Alzheimer's disease 5.0%	Stroke 4.2%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 2.6%	Heart disease 2.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.3%	Birth defects 1.5%	Birth defects 1.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Homicide 2.9%	Diabetes 2.9%	Diabetes 3.5%	Diabetes 2.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.6%	Diabetes 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.4%	Diabetes 2.7%
7	Septicemia 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.8%	Heart disease 3.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.0%	Chronic liver disease 1.1%	Diabetes 2.3%	Stroke 2.5%	Stroke 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.5%	Kidney disease 1.7%	Unintentional injuries 2.4%	Kidney disease 2.7%	Suicide 2.5%
8	Perinatal conditions 1.2%	Benign neoplasms 1.3%	Benign neoplasms 1.7%	Stroke 0.5%	Stroke 0.5%	Diabetes 1.0%	HIV disease 2.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.1%	Suicide 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%	Chronic liver disease 1.6%	Kidney disease 2.3%	Unintentional injuries 2.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.1%
9	Stroke 1.1%	Stroke 1.2%	Stroke 1.5%	Septicemia 0.5%	Diabetes 0.4%	HIV disease (4) 0.9%  ***	Stroke 1.9%	Viral hepatitis 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Kidney disease 2.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	Diabetes 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.1%
10	Benign neoplasms 1.1%	Septicemia 0.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.4%	Septicemia 0.4%		Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Kidney disease 1.3%	Septicemia 1.6%	Septicemia 1.4%	Parkinson's disease 1.9%	Parkinson's disease 1.8%	Kidney disease 1.9%

\*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The white, black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander race groups include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin may be of any race. Some terms have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. See the next page for a listing of the shortened terms in the table and their full unabridged equivalents used in the report. To learn more, visit *Mortality Tables* at [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality\\_tables.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/mortality_tables.htm) or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm> (HHS, CDC, NCHS).